

- Require facility operators to make information on the types of waste on the site accessible to the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources, local governments and emergency responders from off-site sources;
- Include changes in the land use and population of neighborhoods around a hazardous waste facility as criteria for determining the frequency of inspections of the sites; and
- Authorize state emergency response agencies to seek reimbursement for deployment costs when dispatched in a hazardous waste emergency.

In addition, Easley will consider funding in his 2007-08 state budget proposals to:

- Develop a real-time computerized system to report the items being stored, to replace the current paper system, for facilities that handle hazardous materials and toxic chemicals. This will assure the information is distributed more broadly and made more easily available to state and local agencies;
- Increase funding for the state's seven Hazardous Materials Regional Response Teams; and
- Provide funding for public health planning and response-related training for emergency responders to a chemical, biological or radiological contamination accident.

Members of the Task Force included: co-chairs Deputy Secretary Dempsey Benton of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Doug Hoell, director of Emergency Management; Leah Devlin, State Health Director; Wynn Mabry, Mecklenburg County health director; Drexdal Pratt, director of the N.C. Office of Emergency Medical Services; Bradley Harvey, head of the Raleigh Regional Response Team; Johnny Teeters, chief of the Greensboro Fire Department; Marty Zaluski, director of Emergency Programs for the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Viney Aneja, N.C. State University Professor of Environmental Technology; David Thompson, executive director of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners; and S. Ellis Hankins, executive director of the N.C. League of Municipalities.

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